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In recent days, members of the Romance Languages and Literatures department have been verbally harassed in and around campus on account of their immigrant status. One member in particular was assaulted with hot coffee and harassed with racial slurs just outside of the Harvard Yard.

In the face of these shocking and abhorrent events, we write to express our unconditional support for our students, our staff, our colleagues, our friends.

We will not be intimidated by these cowardly attacks and we will stand in vigorous support of any member of our community affected by or concerned with the racist, xenophobic, misogynistic state of affairs sanctioned by the most recent presidential election. We strongly condemn these and all acts of violence, these and all acts of hateful speech.

We stand united in defense of immigrant rights,

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